



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Atty. Dkt. No: 5681-52900

Application No: 09/995,226

Filing Date: November 27, 2001

Inventor(s):

Patrick P. Hicks and Gary L. Gilbert

**Title:** A CONNECTOR FOR ELECTRICALLY COUPLING ONE OR MORE DEVICES IN A PROCESSOR-BASED SYSTEM

Examiner: N. Abrams

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL  
(under 37 CFR § 1.114)**

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/995,226, filed on November 27, 2001, entitled A CONNECTOR FOR ELECTRICALLY COUPLING ONE OR MORE DEVICES IN A PROCESSOR-BASED SYSTEM.

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## Application Elements

1.  **Filing Fee**  
A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
2.  **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)**  
 Copies of IDS Citations
3. **Amendments**  
 An amendment is enclosed.  
 Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
 Please consider the arguments in the response filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.  
 Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
4.  Please enter the enclosed affidavits or declarations.
5.  **Return Receipt Postcard**
6.  Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time
7.  **Power of Attorney by Assignee and Revocation of Previous Powers**
8.  **Notice of Change of Address**

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If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions.

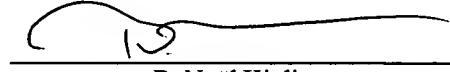
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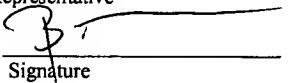


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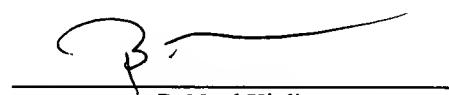
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